

OBSERVATIONS BY AN OBSERVER

Snap Shots About People and In-
animate Things.

A FEW HOMELY THOUGHTS

For the Readers of The Sun—Sug-
gested by Citizens and Others in Our
Midst—The Library Question—Other
Matters of Interest.

[BY W. W. ASHLEY.]

Why don't you go farther South?" asked one Gainesville visitor of another, on the street a few days ago. "I will tell you in a few words," was the reply. "If all the towns in Florida had a better climate, more to see and attract the visitor than Gainesville, and was better in all ways except one than this city, that one item, pure drinking water as well as the best water for bathing, would more than make up for the other attractions. Pure water is necessary for good health, and when you realize that the water from the Boulware Spring, with which the city of Gainesville is supplied, is nearly absolutely pure, it is an item worth considering."

It is a standing joke in every municipality that laborers do not exert the same energy while employed at city work as they frequently do when engaged for individuals, and although this may sometimes be brought about through indisposition to physical exertion, it is a condition that is often commented on by observers who are frequently seen idling about making pungent remarks about people who work. A few days ago as the court house clock slowly pealed the hour of eleven, a fellow standing near was heard to say: "I declare, that clock strikes as though it was working for the city."

Circus day makes the children have a desire to appear at their best, in order to give them courage to ask the stern parent for money to purchase a ticket to attend the performance. A few days ago, after the flaming posters had been placed on the bill boards announcing John Sparks' Old Virginia Show, a lad of 15 was figuring on getting the price of a ticket. The inflexible parent had not shown any symptoms of liquefaction, and after some hours of deep meditation, the lad was heard to remark that he hoped the sun would come out bright on the day of the circus. "Because," he said, "it will need its hottest rays to thaw the Colonel out so he will buy me a ticket."

"Perhaps the subject has been worn threadbare," said a winter visitor, "but it seems to me that an effort should be made to establish a library and reading room in Gainesville. If a library and reading room were opened where people could go and read books and papers, even if they had to pay a small sum, many would gladly do so. A room where winter residents could, if they desired, go and meet others, discuss matters and perhaps organize a club, would also be a very arrangement, and the members of such a club would pay a reasonable rental for the same. Let a number call a meeting and see what can be done."

Speaking of "winter visitors" reminds the writer that Gainesville does not have any "tourists." At least they are not treated as such in this city remarked a lady a few days ago. Tourists are a class of people that go about for pleasure and are "plucked" by those they come in contact with. The people who come from out of the North, East and West to Gainesville come for health, when they are generally successful, unless they are in the very last stages of disease. And they are always treated with the utmost fairness by the residents of the city and their stay made as pleasant as possible. A short stay will convince anyone of this fact.

Those who watched the elephant being driven to the show grounds Saturday observed the inhuman specimen in grimy men's attire marching behind him, carrying a sharp棒 and prodding the poor beast at nearly every thrust of the weapon, which caused many tender-hearted ladies to turn their heads from the cruel specimen of humanity behind the noble animal and shudder. There are many such scenes that a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would have a tendency to stop.

It is a pleasure to grasp the hand of some of our old friends, who give you

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has yet been found for cod liver oil. There are so-called extracts, wines and cordials of cod liver oil that are said to contain the active principles, but not the oil itself. This is absurd on its face. You might as well extract the active principles of wheat and make bread with them. The best form of cod liver oil, that can be digested and assimilated most easily, is Scott's Emulsion.

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a shake that makes you feel they are glad to see and welcome you. It is not so with some of the hand-shakes of the society folks you meet, which is like shaking at the end of a snake's tail—you don't work at it any longer than you have to. Some men carry their heart in their sleeve and are not afraid to show it, as in such cases it is large enough to be seen.

[Note—In reference to the note on the library in the above article, the correspondent was not aware of the existence of such an institution here. Miss Nora Norton, who is located in the office of the Gainesville Sewing Machine Company, has established just such a resort as has been suggested, and those desiring the latest works may secure same here. Miss Norton has a card explaining the system in another part of this paper, to which the attention of those interested is invited.—Editor.]

ANOTHER TRANSFER.

Mrs. C. R. Layton Purchases Handsome Home of W. L. Hill.

There has been another valuable transfer of real estate in this city, Mrs. C. R. Layton having recently purchased the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hill, corner Columbia and University streets.

This home is one of the neatest and most modern in the city. The building contains nine rooms, is conveniently arranged, and is an ideal home for any family. It is desirably located in a fine neighborhood, and altogether is a most desirable property.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill will continue to occupy the premises for the present, Mrs. Layton having purchased the same as a matter of investment.

Found a Cure for Indigestion.

I use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find that they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried and I have used many different remedies. I am nearly fifty-one years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to now.—Geo. W. Exon, Rock Mills, Ala. For sale by all druggists.

TWENTY YEARS FOR MURDER.

Circus Performer Who Killed Son Goes to Penitentiary.

Kansas City, Jan. 21.—John Martin Speymer, a circus performer, formerly of New Orleans, who killed his young son while showing in Kansas City two years ago, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree.

At his first trial he was given a sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary and appealed. Officers had gone to the circus tent to serve a warrant upon Speymer, charging him with assaulting a young girl and a mob threatened to lynch him, when he broke away, cut his child's throat with a razor and then tried to commit suicide.

Speymer said he killed the boy to save him from disgrace.

Old Confederate Killed.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21.—A dispatch from Scottsboro, Ala., says that a man named Winkles, an old confederate veteran, was shot and killed by Ike Watts, and a man named Staples, at Grant postoffice. Robbery is said to have been the object of the murder. Watts and Staples have been arrested. The feeling against the men is bitter.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN VIRGINIA.

Insulting Remark to a Woman Is the Cause of Three Deaths.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 21.—Meager details of a triple tragedy enacted in Franklin county, 20 miles south of Roanoke, Thursday evening, reached here today.

James Abshire and his son fought a revolver duel with L. A. Pradd and a man named Holley, as a result of which the three first named are dead and Holley, who escaped injury, is said to be in jail.

It is said that one of the four men, is alleged to have offered an insult to the wife of one of the other three men, and that the four men met at the home of Drury Hanes, on the Roanoke and Calloway pike, where the shooting took place.

After the first round it is said the two Abshires and Pradd were on the ground, wounded.

One of the Abshires is said to have reloaded his shotgun and deliberately blown Pradd's head off.

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BURIED ALIVE BY LANDSLIDE.

Seven Men Meet Instant Death in Dig Cave-In.

Antoine, Ark., Jan. 21.—Seven men were buried alive under a great mass of dirt and rock as the result of a cave-in in a deep cut 5 miles north of Antoine on the Gordon and Fort Smith railroad.

All the men who were killed came here with a large number of others from St. Louis and nothing was known of them locally. The accident occurred when one hundred and fifty men were working in the cut. The cut is about 50 feet deep at that point and the seven men who were caught in the cave-in were buried under some 20 feet of rock and dirt.

A force of men were put to work at once, clearing away the debris in which they were buried, but it will take some time to clear away the enormous amount of rock and dirt that is piled high upon them.

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another; then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of former soldiers." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

Mortally Wounded by Negro.

Lexington, Jan. 21.—C. A. Wagoner, a carpenter, was perhaps mortally wounded in his own home early today. He told the police that a negro had entered his house and made an attempt to criminally assault his wife, and in his endeavor to protect her, he was shot by the negro, who then made his escape. Sixteen men have been arrested on suspicion. There are conflicting stories concerning the crime, and the police are investigating Wagoner's story.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

A Lord Sold Into Slavery.

Charles Reade found the hero of his novel, "The Wandering Heir," in the person of Lord Altham of Ireland, who was sold as a "redemptioneer" at Philadelphia in 1728 and who served for twelve years in effect as a slave to one or more masters in Lancaster county, Pa. The young nobleman was recognized by two Irishmen who came by accident to the house where he lived, and Admiral Vernon afterward took him back to Ireland. Reade laid the scene of Lord Altham's servitude in northern Delaware, but it is pretty well established that this was an error.

Ask your doctor, then do as he says

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No. 6. Daily Ex't Sunday	No. 4. Daily	No. 2. Daily.	STATIONS.	No. 1. Daily.	No. Dail.,	No. 5. Daily Ex'pt Sun.
Lv P M	Lv P M	Lv A M		Ar. P M	Ar A M	Ar P M
7 45			Fairfield.....			6 00
7 55			Irvine.....			5 55
8 00			Dunbar.....			5 45
8 05			Southside.....			5 40
8 10			Hickman.....			5 35
8 15			Lake Simonton.....			5 30
8 30			Micanopy.....			5 20
8 38			Tacoma.....			5 12
8 45			Kirkwood.....			5 05
8 50			Clyatt.....			5 00
8 55			Flewelling.....			4 55
9 03			Wacahoota.....			4 45
9 15			Rocky Point.....			4 30
9 45 Ar			Gainesville.....			4 00
10 00 Lv	8 15 Lv	8 30	Bellamy.....	9 30 A	9 40 Ar	3 00
11 35	8 40	8 53	Cyril.....	8 55	9 10	2 30
12 00	8 55	7 05	Graham.....	8 40	8 00	1 50
12 20	7 08	7 12	Sampson City.....	8 32	8 52	1 30
12 40	7 15 Ar	7 28	Lake Butler, G. S. & F.....	8 20	8 40	1 10
	7 32	8 13	Jacksonville, J. & S. W.....	7 52		
		11 00	Lake City, G. S. & F.....	8 00	P	
	8 40	8 55	Tallahassee, S. A. L.....	7 24	P 7 25	
		8 15 p	Valdosta, G. S. & F.....	1 43	P 1 53	
	11 10	11 10 p	Macon, G. S. & F.....	1 45	P 5 15	
	8 40	4 10 p	Atlanta, C. of Ga.....	11 20	12 45 A	
	7 25 Ar	7 45 p		7 50	A 9 00	
Ar P M	Ar A M	Ar P M		Lv A M	Lv P M	